IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

PAIGE CAREY
20 N. Bailey Rd., #72029
: Thorndale, PA 19372
: No. ______

Plaintiff, : CIVIL ACTION

: JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY
700 South High Street
West Chester, PA 19383

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, Paige Carey, Pro Se, hereby files the following Complaint against Defendant:

INTRODUCTION

1. Plaintiff, Paige Carey (hereinafter "Plaintiff"), initiates this action to seek redress against the Defendant for unlawful discrimination in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended ("Title VII") and other applicable law.

JURISDICTION and VENUE

- 2. All of the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint are incorporated by reference herein as if the same were set forth at length.
- 3. The Court may properly maintain personal jurisdiction over the Defendant because the Defendant's contacts with this state and this judicial district are sufficient for the exercise of jurisdiction over the Defendant to comply with traditional notions of fair

play and substantial justice, satisfying the standard set forth by the Supreme Court of the United States in <u>International Shoe Co. V. Washington</u>, 326 U.S. 310 (1945) and its progeny.

- 4. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania may exercise original subject-matter jurisdiction over the instant action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Sections 1331 and 1343(a)(4) because it arises under the laws of the United States and seeks redress for violations of civil rights.
- 5. The Court may also maintain supplemental jurisdiction over state law claims set forth herein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Sections 1367(a) and Rule 18(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure because they are sufficiently related to one or more claims within the Court's original jurisdiction in that they form part of the same case or controversy.
- 6. Venue is properly laid in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Sections 1391(b)(1) and 1391(b)(2) because the Defendant is located in and conducts business in this judicial district and because a substantial part of the acts and/or omissions giving rise to the claims set forth herein occurred in this judicial district.

PARTIES

- 7. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein in their entirety as if set forth in full.
- 8. Plaintiff is an adult individual residing in Chester County, PA with the above mailing address.
- 9. Defendant West Chester University ("Defendant") is a public university which has a principal place of business at the above address. Defendant is a member of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

- 10. At all times relevant herein, each Defendant acted or failed to act through its agents, servants and employees, each of whom was in the scope of their employment at all times relevant herein.
- 11. Each Defendant is an "employer" within the meaning of Title VII because it is engaged in an industry affecting interstate commerce and because they maintained or maintain fiften (15) or more employees for each working day in each of twenty (20) or more weeks in the current or preceding calendar year.
- 12. Defendant also maintains a sufficient number of employees to satisfy the jurisdictional prerequisites of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act (requiring four or more employees).

PROCEDURAL and ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES

- 13. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein in their entirety as if set forth in full.
- 14. Plaintiff has satisfied the procedural and administrative requirements for proceeding under Title VII and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act as follows:
- a) Plaintiff filed a timely written charge of discrimination against Defendant (No. 846-2020-07535) with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and
 Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission alleging discrimination;
- b) The instant action is timely because it is initiated within ninety ("90") days of the receipt of a Right to Sue Notice mailed on or about July 28, 2021.
- 15. Plaintiff has exhausted her federal administrative remedies as to the allegations of this Complaint.
- 16. Plaintiff intends to seek leave to amend her complaint based upon another EEOC

charge she intends to file against the Defendant.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 17. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein in their entirety as if set forth in full.
- 18. Plaintiff filed the EEOC Complaint attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
- 19. In her Complaint, which is incorporated by reference, Plaintiff alleged that she was discriminated against on the basis of retaliation, age, disability, race, and sex.
- 20. The Defendant's conduct, as described in the complaint attached hereto, constitutes unlawful discrimination in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act and other applicable laws.
- 21. Plaintiff filed an FMLA Request For Absence attached hereto as Exhibit "B".
- 22. In her FMLA which is incorporated by reference, Plaintiff gave Special Instructions For Using Leave.
- 23. Plaintiff alleged Defendant failed to replace unpaid leave with paid leave as requested.
- 24. The Defendant's failure to replace unpaid leave with paid leave as outlined in the Special Instructions For Using Leave constitutes unlawful FMLA violations and other applicable laws.
- 25. On November 18, 2019 Plaintiff received Notice from Defendant, attached hereto as Exhibit "C".
- 26. Plaintiff alleged Defendant did willfully move/assign Plaintiff to a position in which the Defendant knowingly was aware that the Plaintiff was never trained for and thus immediately deficient in required duties.

- 27. Plaintiff further alleged Defendant, in violation of Article 2 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement ("CBA"), using constructive termination knowingly placed Plaintiff in a position for which Plaintiff was deficient in order to illegally terminate Plaintiff.
- 28. The Defendant's conduct placing the Plaintiff in a position which Plaintiff is deficient violates Defendant's policy (Law of Defendant) stating, "It is illegal for an employee to be deficient in their duties."
- 29. On September 16, 2020, Defendant notified Plaintiff of her termination effective September 15, 2020, attached hereto as Exhibit "D".
- 30. Plaintiff alleged Defendant's termination constitutes retaliation for the above EEOC, FMLA and FLSA violations.

COUNT I FLSA

- 31. All of the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint are incorporated by reference herein as if the same were set forth at length.
- 32. The Defendant willfully failed to pay overtime during February 2019 in violation of the FLSA, the Plaintiff is a non-exempt employee entitled to overtime at time-and-a-half, as well as equal ρ ay for equal work (Edibit AII.).
- 33. The foregoing conduct by the Defendant constitutes FLSA violations.
- 34. The Plaintiff claims that her complaints to her supervisors about the overtime issue is a "Protected Activity" under FLSA, id. at 5, and that her subsequent termination constitutes unlawful retaliation.
- 35. As a result of the Defendant's unlawful vioilations to the Plaintiff has suffered

damages as set forth herein.

COUNT II FMLA

- 36. All of the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint are incorporated by reference herein as if the same were set forth at length.
- 37. The Defendant failed to substitute unpaid leave with paid leave per the Plaintiff's instructions on the FMLA Leave Elections Special Instructions For Using Leave, Exhibit B.
- 38. The foregoing conduct constitutes willful FMLA violations.
- 39. As a result of the Defendant's unlawful discrimination the Plaintiff has suffered damages as set forth herein.

COUNT III ADA ACT- DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION

- 40. All of the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint are incorporated by reference herein as if the same were set forth at length.
- 41. The foregoing conduct by the Defendant constitutes disability discrimination.
- 42. As a result of the Defendant's unlawful discrimination the Plaintiff has suffered damages as set forth herein.

COUNT IV ADEA ACT OF 1967 - AGE DISCRIMINATION

- 43. All of the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint are incorporated by reference herein as if the same were set forth at length.
- 44. The foregoing conduct by the Defendant age discrimination.
- 45. As a result of the Defendant's unlawful discrimination the Plaintiff has suffered

damages as set forth herein.

COUNT V TITLE VII - RACE DISCRIMINATION / SEX DISCRIMINATION

- 46. All of the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint are incorporated by reference herein as if the same were set forth at length.
- 47. The foregoing conduct by the Defendant constitutes race and sex discrimination.
- 48. As a result of the Defendant's unlawful discrimination the Plaintiff has suffered damages as set forth herein.

COUNT VI 42 U.S.C. Section 1981 Race Discrimination and Retaliation

- 49. All of the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint are incorporated by reference herein as if the same were set forth at length.
- 50. At all times relevant herein, Plaintiff maintained or sought to maintain a contractual relationship with Defendant.
- 51. At all times relevant herein, Defendant acted by and through its agents, servants, and employees to intentionally discriminate against Plaintiff as a result of her race and thereby deny her the benefits of the contractual relationship she had entered or sought to enter into with Defendant by discriminating and retaliating against her.
- 52. As a result of Defendant's unlawful discrimination and retaliation, Plaintiff has suffered damages as set forth herein.

COUNT VII NEGLIGENT INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS (NIED)

53. All of the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint are incorporated by reference herein as if the same were set forth at length.

- 54. The foregoing conduct by the Defendant constitutes NIED emotional distress.
- 55. As a result of the Defendant's unlawful NIED the Plaintiff has suffered damages as set forth herein.

COUNT VIII INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS (HED)

- 56. All of the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint are incorporated by reference herein as if the same were set forth at length.
- 57. The foregoing conduct by the Defendant constitutes IIED emotional harm.
- 58. As a result of the Defendant's unlawful IIED the Plaintiff has suffered damages as set forth herein.

COUNT IX CONSTRUCTIVE TERMINATION

- 59. All of the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint are incorporated by reference herein as if the same were set forth at length.
- 60. The foregoing conduct by the Defendant constitutes Constructive Termination.
- 61. As a result of the Defendant's unlawful Constructive Termination the Plaintiff has suffered damages as set forth herein.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that the Court enter judgment in her favor and against Defendant and that it enter an Order providing that:

- A. Defendant is to be permanently enjoined from discriminating or retaliating against Plaintiff on any basis forbidden by applicable federal and state law;
- B. Defendant is to promulgate and adhere to a policy prohibiting retaliation for

violating applicable federal and state law.

- C. Defendant is to compensate Plaintiff, reimburse Plaintiff, and make Plaintiff whole for any and all pay and benefits Plaintiff would have received had it not been for its illegal actions, including but not limited to back pay, front pay, salary, pay increases, bonuses, insurance, benefits, training, promitions, reinstatement, and seniority.
- D. Plaintiff is to be awarded actual damages, as well as damages for the pain, suffering, and humiliation caused by the actions and inactions of Defendant to the extent such damages are available as a matter of law;
- E. Plaintiff is to be awarded punitive damages as permitted by applicable law, in an amount believed by the Court or trier of fact to be appropriate to punish Defendant for its willful, deliberate, malicious, and outrageous conduct and to deter it and/or other persons or entities fom engaging in such misconduct in the future;
- F. Plaintiff is to be accorded all such other legal and/or equitable relief as the Court deems just proper, and appropriate;
- G. Plaintiff is to be awarded the costs and expenses of this action and reasonable attorneys' fees as provided by applicable federal and state law;
- H. Any verdict in favor of Plaintiff is to be judicially molded to provide Plaintiff the maximum financial recovery in light of the damage caps set forth in federal employment discrimination statutes.
- I. That the Court is to maintain jurisdiction of this action after verdict to ensure compliance with its Orders therein.
- J. Plaintiff is to receive trial by jury on all issues so triable pursuant to the Seventh Amendment to the United States Constitution and Fed.R.Civ.P.38.

Respecfully submitted.

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Dated: October 26, 2021

JS 44 (Rev. 10/20)

Case 2:21-cv-04758-PD Document 1 Filed 10/26/21 Page 11 of 12 CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet.

(SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS					
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(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff CHESTER		County of Residence		CHESTER	
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(c) Attorneys (Firm Name,	Address, and Telephone Number)	Attorneys (If Known)			
Paige Carey, P	ro Se 20 N. Bailey Rd. #72029				
Thorndale, PA	19372 (610) 679-4660				
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DESIGNATION FORM

(to be used by counsel or pro se plaintiff to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to the appropriate calendar)

Address of Plaintiff: 20 N. Baile	ey Rd., #72029, Thorndale, PA 19372			
Address of Defendant: 700 South High Street, West Chester PA 19383				
Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: SAME AS DEFENDANT				
RELATED CASE, IF ANY: Case Number: 2:15-CV-05819 Judge:	PAUL S. DIAMOND Date Terminated:			
Civil cases are deemed related when Yes is answered to any of the following questions:				
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2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? No				
3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action of this court?				
4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security case filed by the same individual?	rity appeal, or pro se civil rights Yes No			
I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is / is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above. DATE: 10/26/2021 Attorney-af-Aaw/Pro Se Plaintiff Attorney I.D. # (if applicable)				
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ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION				
(The effect of this certification is to remove the case from eligibility for arbitration.) I, Paige Carey, Pro Se, counsel of record or pro se plaintiff, do hereby certify:				
Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, § 3(c) (2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs:				
Relief other than monetary damages is sought.				
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